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## 174th Fighter Wing Vision and Mission Statements



### Vision Statement

Our Vision is a world class fighter wing comprised of diverse individuals empowered to meet all challengers, and win. We accept nothing less.

### Mission Statement

Provide combat ready personnel, aircraft, and equipment prepared for world wide deployment. To deter or attack and destroy enemy surface and airborne forces in support of joint operations; and to support civil authorities at the direction of the governor.



# COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

The last time I wrote comments for the EnGarde was the evening of September 11<sup>th</sup>. Since that time much has changed; but much has not. At that time I characterized the attack on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon as an act of war; clearly that has been realized. Once again I am writing these words as things are rapidly changing, but the four week air and special forces campaign have to this date yielded the near collapse of enemy forces in Afghanistan. I made the observation that I hoped that we would not descend into indiscriminate suspension of our most cherished American values, and I think we managed that. Not everyone is satisfied with the current balance of our freedoms and liberties versus our security. The balance is changing to reflect new realities, but even if some of the actions taken to try and improve security are excessive or outside of what Americans can accept, I have faith that our system of government will accommodate revisions, updates or rejections of any new measures if necessary.

I noted that the 174<sup>th</sup> would likely have some role in the response – and indeed we have. Over one hundred and sixty Hancock Field members were involved in the recovery efforts spanning from the 274<sup>th</sup>'s short notice deployment to Ground Zero, to the 152<sup>nd</sup>'s command and control mission at the Joint Operations Center in Albany, to recovery, security patrols, medical, civil engineers, PERSCO, and numerous other roles down state. I am proud and grateful to each and every one of you who participated or those who were volunteers for this difficult mission.

In the meantime, the 174<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron was mobilized, trained, and in significant numbers deployed to an overseas location. On virtually minutes notice the Logistics Group and Operations Group generated armed aircraft and launched missions to patrol the skies of our state. I fully expect that at some time in the future we will be involved in manning the continuous Combat Air Patrol (CAP) over New York City. And like most other active duty, Guard, and Reserve units we are training hard to be as ready as possible should the need arise to deploy our aviation package overseas. Our aircraft have been modified on an accelerated schedule, we have moved up a planned full scale weapons delivery phase to confirm the reliable of our weapon systems, and we have requalified our pilots and weapons loaders on the use of precision attack targeting pods. In short, we have fulfilled both our state and federal missions with distinction, and remain on high alert to continue to support any task.

Ironically, as we move to increase our war time capability and to prepare for future taskings, we are also proceeding with our plans for two events scheduled well before September 11<sup>th</sup> that are designed to provide the wing with opportunities for training we can't receive at home. The first, this winter, around the last week in January, is a deployment to Tyndall AFB, FL, in order to participate in Combat Archer. This exercise is an Air Force wide program designed to test air-to-air weapons by loading live missiles on our aircraft and shooting them at target drones in tightly scripted scenarios. It is great train-

ing for our ammo troops, weapons loaders, crew chiefs and pilots. This short two week deployment will be followed in the early summer by a month long deployment in July to Eglin AFB, FL for a large scale dissimilar aircraft combat tactics training against the F-15s of the 33<sup>rd</sup> Fighter Wing. I anticipate an opportunity to bring more than the standard aircraft package along, with extra slots to give people other than the standard aviation package players a chance to deploy to an active USAF base for some good, hands on training. More to follow.

Finally, this month marks the celebration of holy days for many of us. With the images of the World Trade Center still fresh in our minds it may be more difficult this year to come together in good cheer and celebration, but perhaps more than ever this season we know what we have to be thankful for. Despite our tragedy, we have a stronger sense of our community. Despite our pain, we feel compassion for those facing a far greater loss. And despite our isolation, we know that our friends, families and co-workers care for us, however far apart we are. Perhaps now is a good time to count our blessings, and from the Knauff family to you all, the happiest, healthiest and most blessed holiday season ever.



**Colonel Robert Knauff**  
174th FW, Commander

## People Make it Happen

*Chief Master Sgt. Ted Mosley, 174<sup>th</sup> FW, Command Chief*



Another year is winding down, and again our unit has accomplished many outstanding tasks. From the ORI, to the AEF, to reacting to the events of September 11<sup>th</sup>, we seem to be able to do anything that is handed us. This is due to the quality of the people that work here. Part time and full time alike, we all can depend on each other to do our best and be professionals while we do it. We train hard and sometimes it seems we push hard to accomplish the goals set forth by the commanders. What this in turn does for us is that when need arises, the supervision can step back and let the work force do what it is trained for. Comments made by a young technician on Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> said it all. He was speaking to his father on their way home from work.

"I've never been so proud to be a member of this unit as I was today. Everybody was working together and helping each other out like I've never seen before." To us that have been around for a while, this was nothing new. We have seen it before and will probably again. We can just hope not under the same circumstances. Please take the time to reflect on this past year and consider your part as well done. May you and your loved ones have a happy holiday season and best wishes in the New Year.



**Command Chief**  
Master Sgt. Ted Mosley

**God Bless America!**



## Chaplain's Corner

*By Chaplain (Maj.) Douglas Decker, 174th FW*



Chaplain (Maj.)  
Douglas Decker

### Hope Renewed

And God said, "Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days, and years." (Genesis 1:14).

During the darkest time of the year 2001, the church gets ready for the great feast of Christmas. Christmas is the feast of Light. Jesus is the Light of the World. He comes to bring the power and life of God to a world filled with darkness.

The light is a symbol. It is a symbol of

the grace of God. Jesus comes to bring God's life to a world that is filled with darkness and pain. Jesus will come to bring eternal hope and the glory of heaven. The Light of Jesus renews our hope in the potential of life and the hope that God has for all of us.

As we see the lights of this Christmas we are reminded that we are to be light for one another. This year our country suffered from terrible acts of terrorism. The darkness of the world has become very real this past September. Jesus can overcome this darkness. Think of the families that have an empty place at the table or that missing someone in the family Christmas picture. Let us remember to pray for them. Let us bring the Light of Christmas

to them. Our support will bring hope to them.

May God help us this season? May we be light to one another. May each of us bring the Light of Jesus, the Newborn King, to the life of another.

"In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness and the darkness did not destroy it." (John 1:4)

**Merry Christmas**

Chaplain (Maj.) Doug Decker  
Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Jean Vargo  
Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Steve Thomas  
Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Paul Mathis  
Master Sgt. Debbie Bitely  
Tech. Sgt. Chuck Greiner

## Formal Dining Out

*By Master Sgt. Jeff Wallace, 174th FW, Base Historian*

Over eighty members of the 174th Fighter Wing attended this very special evening. Coordinated by Senior Master Sgt. Joe Gianetto and hosted by Chapter 50, Chief's Council, Enlisted Council, and the First Sgt. Council, the evening

brought special meaning to unit members at a very challenging time for our country and its Armed Forces. Chief Master Sgt. James C. Hatchell Jr. was the guest speaker for the recent 174th FW Dinning Out. Chief Hatchell delighted the audi-

ence with a glowing report on the Air Guard recruiting achievements of recent past. He especially recognized the 174th FW Recruiting Office for their high marks on recruiting goals.



Chief Master Sgt. James C. Hatchell Jr, ANG,  
Chief of Recruiting Operations at NGB.



Senior Master Sgt. Joe Gianetto presents Chief James C. Hatchell Jr. some 174th memorabilia.



Members of the 174th Honor Guard perform the "POW/MIA Five Hat Ceremony at the recent 174th Dinning Out.



# New Commander's Take the Helm

By 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Jeff Brown, 174<sup>th</sup> FW, Public Affairs Officer

## Logistics Squadron

The 174<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing is fortunate to welcome two new commanders to the Logistics Group and the Medical Squadron.

Lt. Col. Charles S. Dorsey is the Wing's new full-time Logistics Group Commander. He was raised in Iowa City, Iowa and earned his Bachelor of Science from the United States Air Force Academy in 1983. In 1988, he earned a Masters in Public Administration from Golden Gate University.

Lt. Col. Dorsey was commissioned in June 1983 and attended pilot training at Williams AFB, AZ. He remained at Williams AFB as a T-38 Instructor Pilot until 1988. After graduating from A-10 training as the top graduate in 1989, Lt. Col. Dorsey flew A-10s with the 18<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadron at Eielson AFB, AK, until converting to the F-16 in 1991.

In 1993, he was assigned to the 74<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadron at Pope AFB, NC, where he flew as an F-16 instructor pilot until 1996. Assigned to US Central Command Air Forces HQ at Shaw AFB, SC, Lt. Col. Dorsey worked in the Master Air Attack Planning Cell on a variety of plans such as Operation Desert Fox. Lt. Col. Dorsey joined the NYANG in September 1999, and served as Chief of Safety for the 174<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing until being elevated to his present position.



Lt. Col. Charles S. Dorsey, Logistics Squadron Commander

"I am excited and proud to be the new Logistics Group commander," said Lt. Col. Dorsey. "My priorities are to continue to train for combat, and get the right people for the right jobs."

## Medical Squadron

Lt. Col. Reid Muller, M.D. is the new commander of the 174<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing Medical Squadron. He was born in New York City and graduated from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and Ross University School of Medicine.

Lt. Col. Reid T. Muller specializes in internal medicine and cardiovascular disease at Community Memorial Hospital in Hamilton, New York. He is attending staff at Crouse Hospital in Syracuse and Bassett Healthcare in Cooperstown, as well as being a member of the SUNY Upstate Medical University Department of Medicine. He is a fellow with the American College of Cardiology, American College of Physicians and the American College for Chest Physicians.

Lt. Col. Muller joined the military in 1987 as a member of the Army Reserve. He spent six years in the Army, but he was disappointed with the lack of training and challenge provided on drill weekends.

In 1993, New York Air Surgeon Brig. Gen. Shah convinced Lt. Col. Muller to join the Air National Guard. His first assignment was with the 105<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing, where he became a flight surgeon and he participated in a variety of interesting deployments.

During his time at the 105<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing, Lt. Col. Muller was active in the Air Force Association, where he met 174<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing Command Chief Master Sgt. Ted Mosley. He also met Wing Commander Robert Knauff through their participation in the National Guard Association of the United States (NGAUS).

Earlier this year, Lt. Col. Muller was selected to become the 174<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing's Medical Squadron Commander. His goals are to build upon the strengths of the squadron that are readily apparent from the recent Operational Readiness Inspection (ORI) reports and squadron inspection reports.



Lt. Col. Reid T. Muller, MD, 174th FW Medical Squadron Commander



# Forces Protection: Suspicious Packages

by Staff Sgt. Mitchell Pollock, 174<sup>th</sup> FW, Security Forces Squadron



**M**uch has been said and written about the tragic events that unfolded on September 11<sup>th</sup> and the biological attacks that have been carried out since that day which have significantly changed our lives. It is important that we continue to live our daily lives as normal as possible, but we also must do so with a heightened sense of awareness. There are steps all of us can take to ensure we safeguard ourselves, family members, and other ANG members from potential harm from suspicious and threatening letters or packages.

For all 174<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing personnel who come in contact with a suspicious package or letter, the following steps must be followed. If the letter or package is unopened, then leave it alone and do not move or open it. Immediately pull the nearest fire alarm and send personnel to a predetermined "Fire Evacuation Rally Point." Then dial 911 (on base) from a safe distance from the suspicious object. Do not use cell phones or radios near the object in case the contents are explosive in nature. While on the phone to base authorities, make sure you provide your exact location, the situation, and your identity. Stay on the phone with authorities in case you are given instructions requiring immediate action.

If someone on base comes in contact with a suspicious letter or package that is already opened and possible contamination is obvious, you will need to follow the steps employed for an unopened suspicious package or letter. In addition, make sure no one moves around the infected areas.

***Also, do not touch your face, equipment, or other people. Once emergency personnel arrive on the scene, the incident commander will assume control and make sure the appropriate measures are taken.***

It may be determined that hazardous material (HAZMAT) team or Explosive Ordinance Disposal (EOD) needs to be dispatched, or perhaps certain decontamina-



Staff Sgt. Mitchell Pollock

tion procedures need to be implemented. Responding emergency personnel are trained to handle such emergencies, so make sure you let the trained experts do their job.

There are several situations that may raise someone's suspicion when it comes to letters or packages found or received through the mail. Some signs to look for include, but are not limited to, the following: Any letter or package that has a suspicious or threatening message written on or in it. Be wary of mail that is lopsided, rigid, bulky, discolored, or has an oily stain or discoloration. Be careful handling mail that has no return address, no or non-cancelled postage, improper spelling of common names, places, or titles, and unexpected letters or packages from foreign countries.

For those individuals who receive mail at home or in their civilian place of business,

there are certain steps one can take if a threatening or suspicious letter or package is received. If such a letter or package is suspected of containing Anthrax or some other chemical or biological hazard, the first step is to take measures to contain the exposure by not opening the suspected object. Close off the room by closing all windows and doors and do not allow anyone to leave. Only let qualified emergency personnel enter. If the package or envelope has been opened, close the object to limit any additional exposure and make sure everyone knows not to touch their eyes, nose, other parts of the body, equipment, or other people. If possible, have everyone wash his or her hands thoroughly. Also, if it is possible, shut off the building's heating or air conditioning and ventilation system to limit contamination.

The next step is to notify law enforcement, the health department, and local emergency medical services of the potential threat. Then notify the building manager or a principal for those in a school. Ask them to make sure no one enters the area until emergency response personnel assure that the situation is no longer dangerous. Finally, it is important to remain calm. Anthrax is readily treatable with antibiotics prior to the emergence of symptoms. Symptoms take from 24 hours to several weeks to appear. Once emergency personnel arrive, ask them to make arrangements for you to be transported to the nearest qualified medical facility for an evaluation and appropriate treatment, if necessary.

It is important that base personnel and their civilian counterparts are proactive in their efforts to maintain safety. By being aware of our surroundings and making a conscious effort to identify and report suspicious or dangerous letters, packages, or objects, we are all contributing to the proper well being of our society. By following the steps outlined in this article, risk to our health and safety can be kept to a minimum.





# Statement Of The Secretary Of Defense

*Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld, November 1, 2001*



Good afternoon. I have reflected on some of the questions posed at the last briefing: questions about the 'speed of progress' in the campaign-questions about the "patience" of the American people-if something does not happen immediately.

**I have a sense that the public understands the following facts:**

On September 11th, terrorists attacked New York and Washington, DC, murdering thousands of innocent people -- Americans and people from dozens of countries and all races and religions -- in cold blood.

On October 7th, less than a month later, we had positioned coalition forces in the region, and we began military operations against Taliban and al-Qaeda targets throughout Afghanistan. Since that time -- roughly three weeks ago -- coalition forces have flown over 2,000 sorties, broadcast 300-plus hours of radio transmissions, delivered an amazing 1,030,000 humanitarian rations to starving Afghan people.

Today is November 1, and smoke -- at this very moment -- is still rising from the ruins of the World Trade Center. With the ruins still smoldering and the smoke not yet cleared, it seems to me that Americans understand well that -- despite the urgency in the press questions -- we are still in the very, very early stages of this war. The ruins are still smoking!

Consider some historical perspective:

- \* After the December 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor, it took four months before the United States responded to that attack with the Doolittle raid of April 1942.

- \* It took eight months after Pearl Harbor before the U.S. began a land campaign against the Japanese -- with the invasion of Guadalcanal in August of 1942.

- \* The U.S. bombed Japan for three-and-a-half years -- until August 1945 -- before we accomplished our objectives in the Pacific.

- \* On the European front, the allies bombed Germany continually for nearly five years -- from September of 1940 until May of 1945.

- \* It took 11 months to start the land campaign against the Germans -- with the

invasion of North Africa in November of 1942.

- \* It took the United States two years and six months after Hitler declared war on us before we landed in France on June 6, 1944. We are now fighting a new kind of war. It is unlike any America has ever fought before. Many things about this war are different from wars past-but, as I have said, one of those differences is not the possibility of instant victory.

At my briefing when I announced the start of the air campaign on October 7th, I



*Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld*

stated that our initial goals were:

- \* To make clear to the Taliban that harboring terrorists carries a price;

- \* To acquire intelligence to facilitate future operations against al-Qaeda and the Taliban;

- \* To develop useful relationships with groups in Afghanistan that oppose the Taliban and al-Qaeda;

- \* To make it increasingly difficult for the terrorists to use Afghanistan freely as a base of operation;

- \* To alter the military balance over time by denying to the Taliban the offensive systems that hamper the progress of the various opposition forces; and

- \* To provide humanitarian relief to Afghans suffering oppressive living conditions under the Taliban regime.

That was 24 days ago -- three weeks and three days -- not three months or three years, but three weeks and three days. We

have made measurable progress on each of these goals.

The attacks of September 11 were not days or weeks but years in the making. The terrorists were painstaking and deliberate, and it appears they may have spent years planning their activities.

There is no doubt in my mind but that the American people know that it's going to take more than 24 days.

I also stated that our task is much broader than simply defeating the Taliban or al-Qaeda -- it is to root out global terrorist networks, not just in Afghanistan, but wherever they are, to ensure that they cannot threaten the American people or our way of life. This is a task that will take time to accomplish. Victory will require that every element of American influence and power be engaged. Americans have seen tougher adversaries than this before-and they have had the staying power to defeat them. Underestimating the American people is a bad bet.

In the end, war is not about statistics, deadlines, short attention spans, or 24-hour news cycles. It is about will -- the projection of will, the clear, unambiguous determination of the President and the American people to see this through to certain victory.

In other American wars, enemy commanders have come to doubt the wisdom of taking on the strength and power of this nation and the resolve of her people. I expect that somewhere, in a cave in Afghanistan, there is a terrorist leader who is, at this moment, considering precisely the same thing.





# Task Force Eagle and New York City

by Lt. Col. John Murray, 174<sup>th</sup> FW, Inspector General



Lt. Col. John Murray  
174th FW/IG

One week after the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center the initial frenzy of the first few days of New York Air National Guard activities had been transformed into support mission, the monitoring of rescue

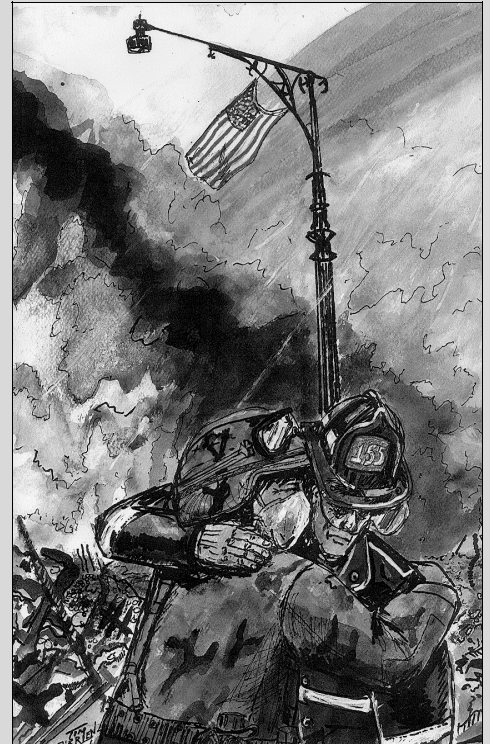
operations in New York City and waiting for "the call" like most NYANG units. The horror that we observed and felt on September 11<sup>th</sup> is continually being echoed by the ever-present images being printed and broadcast by the media. Certainly this event had affected each of us in our own personal way, but a "new" type of job for members of five NYANG units was about to change their lives forever.

For a few days the NYANG Component name was Task Force Eagle, then Task Force Air Guard and finally Task Force Castle. The name was not the most important element, it was the job at hand that was the focus. The primary mission was to provide trained and dedicated people in support of relief and recovery operations at the World Trade Center. We had to de-

ploy 440 Air Guardsmen, from their home bases, to NYC, report to the Joint Task Force 42 Commander for specific mission tasking and execute tasked operations within 72 hours.

The challenges we faced were evident. We had only an incomplete list of the names and skills of those who had volunteered to deploy. There was no logistical support, no services support, no operations plan, and bringing people from five autonomously operating NYANG Wings together into a cohesive composite NYANG units under the command of the New York Army National Guard would by itself be a challenge.

The specific mission tasking arrived the day the Joint Task Force was created. Establish a Command and Control Cell at the Park Avenue Armory. Establish an NYANG Component Head Quarters Element at Fort Hamilton and setup an in-processing station at Camp Smith for inbound air guardsmen. Continue pre-deployment ANG Civil Engineering activities at Pier 92, continue to support the Office of Emergency Management also at Pier 92, bring housing and services facilities at Governor's Island back on line after years of being mothballed staff, staff and operate the Fire Department at Gover-



Sgt. Tim O'Brien of Troy NY, Army National Guardsmen with the 642 MI/42 Division, created the "**Rainbow of Hope**" artwork above. Sgt. O'Brien spent a month in New York City supporting the WTC mission.

nor's Island, staff and operate a Prime Rib operation at Governor's Island, take over operations at the WTC Recovery Pass & ID Section at Public School 89 and provide 240 air guardsmen for security operations on the streets in and around the World Trade Center Site.

Without question, all of our NYANG volunteers shined no matter the task. The Civil Engineers, with the assistance of the Seabees, brought the facilities at Governor's Island fully on line within days of receiving the tasking, our services folks were billeting and feeding Air and Army National Guard troops within 24 hours of arriving at Governor's Island, the HQ Element provided personnel tasking, accountability and transportation for the operation and the Pass & ID operation was streamline by the Air Guard from an operation that required 45 paper pushers to a computerized operation administered by 15 highly competent air guardsmen.

Those folks that staffed entry control points into the recovery site performed the really tough job. These people worked 12-hour shifts on their feet, plus up to 4 hours of, attendance, pre-shift briefings and transportation time. They interfaced with







L to R: AIC Alexander Cruz, 105th Air Wing, Tech Sgt. Paul Whelan, Staff Sgt. David Scholl, Sgt. First Class Hatch, NY Army Guard and Senior Master Sgt. Warren Gomon, standing in front of the entry control point where debris from the World Trade Center is sent for decontamination and cooling.

the people of Manhattan, as well as those people that came to New York to personally witness the aftermath of the horror of September 11<sup>th</sup>. To a person each of the people that served on these posts represented the New York Air National Guard in the highest possible fashion.

The stresses and strains of the attack on NYC were clearly evident on the people of Manhattan. You could see it in their faces, their eyes and hear it in their voices. Each had their own story of how this tragedy had affected them. Most had very valid reasons to go into the site and each was handled professionally and with care. They needed to get to their homes, offices or businesses, but no story was more poignant than the elderly parents who lost their only daughter in the WTC on September 11<sup>th</sup>. They had a service for her the day before and had come to the site for closure. It was at this point that one Air Guard NCO made a decision that was truly a gesture of human kindness.

The NCO personally escorted the couple through the checkpoint, down one block, to the edge of the site. As he looked at the devastation, the victim's father, with tears in his eyes said, "television does not do justice to the level of destruction and horror I see here. We've seen enough, thank you for bringing us here." Many people in Manhattan said, "thank you," during that

first two-week rotation of the NYANG operation in New York City. For a city that is noted for its tough hide New York City became a place where expressions of kindness were commonplace.

I had the opportunity to talk with many National Guardsmen serving on the streets of Manhattan. For many it was their first trip to the Big Apple, for others it was a return to a city now seen in a different light. Everyone I spoke with saw the deployment as an opportunity to serve and to give of him or her self during a time of need. To a person, those that took the op-



Tech. Sgt. Jeff Chrissley seen here checking and storing oxygen tanks for firefighters at Governors Island, NY.

portunity to walk down that one block and look at the twisted wreckage of what was the World Trade Center, or to stand and look at the pictures of those missing felt different after their experience. The horror and suffering caused on September 11<sup>th</sup> became real. Something each had been able to personally witness. Something that could be seen and touch. The sterility of television had been replaced by the emotion of reality.

I could see it in their eyes, I could hear it in their voices and it will change all of us forever.



L to R: Staff Sgt. Frank Salmieri, Tech. Sgt. Paul Whelan and Sgt. Robert Szczepanik from the 106th RW, check IDs at the high volume entry point for all construction and rescue vehicles.

# Iron Knights Deploy to NYC

by Major Michael Wells, Commander, 274<sup>th</sup> ASOS



Maj. Michael Wells

“Courage, it would seem, is nothing less than the power to overcome danger, misfortune, fear, injustice, while continuing to affirm inwardly that life with all its sorrows is good; that everything is meaningful even

if in a sense beyond our understanding; and there is always tomorrow.” --Dorothy Thompson

On September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2001, the world as we know it changed. We as a nation were violated. We had our arms wide open and the torch of Liberty lit to accept the poor, the weak, the downtrodden, the political outcasts from any nation. And while we stood there with a warm smile and a promise for the pursuit of happiness, we were hit in the back of the skull with a pipe and then stabbed in the back. Those same people we had accepted into our homeland with open arms were now going to vandalize our house and murder us.

Eight hours after the first attack my squadron was on its way to New York City with our Tactical Communications systems. In a conventional war our mission is to coordinate and control fighter aircraft flying near the Forward Line of Troops. For this mission we were sent to NYC to provide backup fixed and mobile radio communication to the command centers within the city.

As we adapted to the situation, we found areas within the Mayor’s Office of Emergency Management that required leadership and decision making so along with other Air and Army National Guard personnel, we filled those voids. Security of the “zone” was of major importance that encompassed opposing tasks. First, to deny access by any possible terrorist operatives or anyone not requested by the OEM. Second, to allow all the required NYC, state, and Federal Agencies access along with the utilities companies their contractors and subcontractors. An access policy was developed and a system of establishing credentials was implemented and disseminated to the numerous check-

points manned by the NYPD and Army National Guard. Also we fielded requests from NYC agencies for assistance. That is my account of the mission, which is superficial in an event of this scope. I need to delve deeper into who we are and why we serve as blue suitors in the ANG.

As Bob Dylan sang, “Times, they are a changin’”. The retiring NY TAG, Major General Fenimore was our guest speaker at a Wing luncheon several months ago. The basis of his message was the future mission of the National Guard. His message was prophetic; Homeland Security. In the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff document, Joint Vision 2020, it discusses three factors of the strategic environment that will impact joint warfighting doctrine in the future. One of these factors is the



appeal of asymmetric approaches by our adversaries. These approaches avoid US strengths and exploit potential vulnerabilities. We saw this on September 11<sup>th</sup>. The future has arrived. As the Air National Guard transitions we will have to embrace this mission and adapt quickly and efficiently. Also as the military continues to become more Joint Operations focused, the ANG, in our State mission, will also follow suit. For the ANG this joint-ness will include non-military agencies. This will mean closer planning, coordination, and working relationships with federal, state, and local civilian agencies also tasked with Homeland Security role. As the ANG our future mission will likely be protecting our homeland by deterring, denying, detecting, detaining, and possibly destroying an internal terrorist threat.

An unfortunate aspect of the modern media is our use of the visual medium for capturing an event. What gets lost to a certain extent is the human element. Several situations in the “zone” brought it all home for me. Operating from an elementary school three blocks from ground zero, I slept in a classroom. Seeing the little storage boxes each child had labeled with their names, I wondered if life would be the same for them when they returned to school. How could it be? So many had a parent that worked and perished in the Trade Center.

Being at ground zero and looking at the six story high pile of twisted metal and concrete rubble is overwhelming. To see the fabric, most likely a dress, hanging from a twisted I-beam three stories high, watching the widows of two firemen clutching each other as they look at the site in tears trying to find some sort of closure to the ordeal, seeing an office chair laying beside me, legs, arms, and back broken off, and just 10 feet away, a single shoe, to hear the account of the fireman who says he knows where the bodies are because he sees them on his boots, his pants, and his hands in the form of flesh and cremated remains...The human aspect of this terrorist act did not escape me nor does the mission that lies ahead.

We are a nation of courage, of faith, and of diversity. We as a nation have a tremendous ability to adapt and overcome and overcome we will, as a nation, and within our sphere as the Air National Guard. My final point is really a capstone to the previous oratory. On the return trip from NYC I saw flags every where and the words “God Bless America”. God surely has blessed this nation and will continue to. And if I can hand you a dollar bill in silence, that says “In God We Trust”, I would also hope that I could look you in the eye and say “Trust in God”. Trust in Him first and He will continue to Bless this Great Nation, our service to our country, and our families.

“Freedom--no word has ever been spoken that has held out greater hope, demanded greater sacrifice, or come closer to being God's will on earth.” --Omar Bradley



# Outstanding Effort on 9/11

By Lt. Col. Chuck Dorsey, 174<sup>th</sup> FW, Logistics Group Commander

On 9/11, with half our people and key supervisors deployed, with no warning, starting flat-footed with air defense tasking for a threat no one anticipated, the men and women of the 174<sup>th</sup> Logistics Group responded tremendously by generating eight combat-loaded aircraft with up to three spares in a matter of hours. Like everyone, I have vivid memories of that day. Unlike my civilian friends, my memories center on the dedication and perseverance of the men and women who support, maintain, load, and launch our F-16s.

**0900** – We were preparing for local training flights, and had just four aircraft



available, the rest awaiting a variety of maintenance actions before they could fly. None of our aircraft had live munitions loaded at Syracuse, except for target (non-explosive) shells in the 20mm cannon.

**Just after 0920** – After the two towers were hit, I called operations and discussed whether they would continue to launch our local training sorties. A short time later, air traffic control advised all aircraft that no takeoffs would be allowed. Our pilots shut down.

**Approximately 0945** – Air defense asked our unit to immediately launch whatever we can. Pilots and crew chiefs raced back to the aircraft, and took off armed with a few training rounds and a sense of duty. For the pilots' sake, I'm glad they weren't needed. Without needing to be asked, maintenance began preparing more aircraft for launch, for whatever tasking may drop.

**After 1030** – We made plans for combat loading of our aircraft at Ft Drum. The 174<sup>th</sup> FW Det. 2 prepared munitions as extra help jumped into a truck and be-

gan driving north. In the Command Post, I received a call from an officer at NEADS; how many aircraft can we generate for tasking today? I responded with six later in the day, maybe eight. After I hung up, my radio calls out, "Line five and six ready." I'm a little surprised, but pleased. Plans were made to fly these planes to Ft Drum as well.

**After 1200** – "Lines seven and eight ready." I can't believe it. Parts have been installed, panels replaced, inspections completed within a few hours, representing a couple of days worth of work. I inform the wing commander, I was wrong on my forecast earlier. He doesn't mind.

## Throughout the afternoon and early evening

– Up at Ft Drum, Det 2, our augmentees hustled to load and turn the eight aircraft that have landed. NEADS was informed of their status, and some are immediately tasked. By the time our eight birds returned home, three more aircraft are ready to fly as spares if needed.

And that's just the beginning. NCO's set up a burger grill, knowing that many would have no time to make other arrangements. Supervisors set up shifts for 24-hour ops and developed procedures for scramble launches. Guardsmen continued to come to work, given time off by patriotic employers who figured we needed the help. And we did.

During the transition to 24-hour operations, many LG troops worked 16 hours straight, and at least a couple stayed around the clock to support flying operations. Other

Guardsmen worked a full day at their other job, then came to pull the overnight shift so full-timers could go home. Nobody had to be asked. They just did it.

Late that night as I walked along the flightline there were no sounds, or movement across the airport. The sky was clear. Our jets sat gleaming under the lights, loaded and cocked. Despite the day's shocking losses, I think it was the most beautiful thing I've seen.

Why did we do it? There's more to the LG effort on 9/11 than dedication and professionalism. The father of my son's friend works near the departure end of the runway. He and his co-workers saw the terrible damage on TV, then watched our jets scream into steep climbs. "There they go. I'm glad they're here."

## That's Why We Do What We Do!



Lt. Col. Chuck Dorsey

## Congress Approves Pay Increase for Civilian Federal Employees

Congress has approved an average 4.6 percent pay increase for civilian federal employees next year. Exact pay numbers will be released by year's end, after the Bush administration takes into account "locality pay" formulas. On Wednesday, the House approved the amount as part of the FY 2002 Treasury-Postal Service appropriations bill. The Senate also approved the spending bill and sent it to President Bush for his signature. While the administration had pushed for a 3.6 percent average raise for federal workers, Bush is not expected to veto the spending bill. It does not address how agencies would finance the 2002-pay raise, except that the money would come from agency salaries and expense accounts.

Bush advocated a 4.6 percent raise for military service members, making it the first time since 1987 that federal employees were not slated to receive the same raise as military personnel. But Congress increased the amount to 4.6 percent, primarily

because Washington area lawmakers argued the civil service raise should be on par with the pay given the military. Under current plans, military personnel will get at least a 5 percent raise next year, with some grades and ranks receiving increases of as much as 10 percent. The Federal Salary Council, which advises administration officials on pay issues, has urged that the 1 percentage point be used to finance locality pay adjustments in 32 metropolitan areas.

## Commissary Scholarships

Over 400 Commissary Scholarships (valued at \$1,500) are available to sons and daughters of military personnel (AD, Guard and Reserve). Applicants may be college-bound high school seniors, or students already enrolled in a four-year undergraduate program. Students must have at least a 3.0 grade point average and write an essay that describes how his or her activities have enriched the community. Submissions due to your closest Commissary NLT 5 Feb 02--complete details go to: [www.commissaries.com](http://www.commissaries.com).

## Korean War Service Medal Still Available

The Air Force Personnel Center is mailing almost 600 Korean War Service Medals per day, and there are more than 1.7 million veterans still eligible for the Korean War Service Medal, including the next of kin of deceased veterans. Air Force Print News reports that the Republic of Korea issued the medal to pay tribute to U.S. Korean War veterans on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the Korean War. The Air Force is the lead agent for distributing the medal, and the Air Force Personnel Center at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, is processing requests and distributing the medal to all Korean veterans who qualify, regardless of branch of service. Veterans applying for the medal should contact Air Force Personnel Center by calling (800) 558-1404 or (210) 565-2432. People may also write to: HQ AFPC/DPPRA, 550 C Street West Suite 12, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas 78150-4714 or visit <https://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/awards/>.



Members of the 174<sup>th</sup> FW, Security Force Squadron who recently deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.



# Welcome, New Unit Members!

## *New Members for September and October 2001:*

SrA Wright, Paul, 138 FS  
SrA Shivers, Maurice, AGS  
SrA Mader, Timothy, AGS  
SrA Mitchell Pomerleau, AGS  
SrA Kempisty, John, FW  
2Lt Kiblin, Daniel, LGS  
SSgt Claudio, Luis, MAI  
SrA Tallant, Christopher, MAI  
SrA Cerankowski, James, MAI

SrA D'Agata, Kim, MAI  
SSgt Kalahar, Tad, MAI  
SrA Gustafson, Richard, MDS  
1Lt Hellerud, Kevin, MDS  
SMSgt Dooley, Daniel, NEADS  
SrA Wilson, Dalorie, NEADS  
SSgt Kryczkowski, Robert, NEADS  
SSgt Castro, Carlos, NEADS  
SSgt Nembhard, Patrick, NEADS  
Maj Wolff, Karl, OG  
Maj Lawyea, Michael, OG  
LtCol Tougas, Gary, OG

SSgt Taylor, Jason, SFS  
SrA Bzdick, Jeffrey, SFS  
SrA Darby, Troy, SFS  
2Lt Angona, Andrea, SVC  
A1C Reinhardt, Timothy, Stu Flt  
A1C Calcara, Brian, Stu Flt  
A1C Larue, Steven, Stu Flt  
A1C Tobiasson, Patrick, Stu Flt  
A1C Addley, Thomas, Stu Flt  
Capt Fleckten, Eric, Stu Flt  
A1C Hooper, Weston, Stu Flt  
A1C Moss, Jason, Stu Flt



## Promotions for June to August 2001



A1C Dwyer, Dawn, LGS  
A1C Francis, Michael, LGS  
A1C Lewis, Benjamin, AGS  
A1C Liberatore, Joseph, MAI  
A1C Liquori-Martin, Austin, SFS  
A1C VanWinkle, Joshua, AGS  
A1C Weaver, David, AGS  
SrA Andersen, Timothy, AGS  
SrA Anderson, Angelina, SVS  
SrA Carpenter, Matthew, AGS  
SrA Ferguson, Christopher, SFS  
SrA Goedel, Heather, AGS  
SrA Reed, Craig, AGS  
SrA Robert, Stacie, AGS  
SrA Weaver, Michael, AGS  
SSgt Duffy, Christopher, SFS

SSgt Englishby, Patrick, SFS  
SSgt Kuchera, David, MAI  
SSgt Meade, Scott, SFS  
SSgt Rector, Tammy, LGS  
SSgt Simson, Joshua, MAI  
TSgt Brentson, Danielle, MSF  
TSgt Butka, Bryon, AGS  
TSgt Chrissley, Jeffrey, CES  
TSgt Haggard, Michael, AGS  
TSgt Hynes, Jon, FW  
TSgt Marra, Todd, AGS  
TSgt Nappa, Scot, SFS  
TSgt Pillion, James, FW  
TSgt Rehm, Joseph, AGS  
TSgt Roberts, Chad, Det 1  
TSgt Selden, Eugene, CES

TSgt VonKnoblauch, Karl, SFS  
TSgt Wagner, Ira, AGS  
MSgt Degroat, Duane, AGS  
MSgt Dorosh, Phillip, 274 ASOS  
MSgt Eveleigh, Brian, MAI  
MSgt Giambalvo, Donna, LGS  
MSgt Hitchcock, Ronald, Det 1  
MSgt Illingworth, Gary, FW  
MSgt Rotunno, Saverio, SFS  
MSgt Sabene, Daniel, AGS  
MSgt Santoro, Teresa, OSF  
MSgt Sprague, Mark, MAI  
  
1Lt Nicholas Lotito, LSF  
Capt Richard Dix, SFS  
LtCol Charles Dorsey, LG

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## DECEMBER MENU

### SATURDAY

Smorgasbord  
Vegetable Blend  
Boston Crème Pie  
Salad Bar  
Fast Food Line

### SUNDAY

Roast Beef  
Potatoes  
Broccoli  
Cheesecake  
Salad Bar

Meal Counters: Report at 1000  
Saturday MAI Sunday MDS



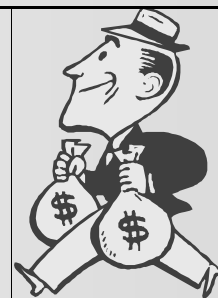
### December UTA

Pay Date:

17 Dec 01

Next UTA

26/27 January 2002



### Band Wanted

The All Services Club is looking for live musical entertainment. If you have a band that is willing to play at the All Services Club on a Saturday Night of a UTA, contact Chief Master Sgt. Gary Scheirer at 454-6152. Price is negotiable based on Club finances.

# Critical Incident Stress Management

by Chaplain (Lt. Col.) R. Paul Mathis & Major Catherine O'Brien, 174<sup>th</sup> Family Support Team



Chaplain Lt. Col.  
Paul Mathis

Not since the Desert Storm Parade in 1992 had New York City seen so many people in uniform. Following New York city's worst tragedy, the military moved in, not just to keep order, but also to calm and protect the frightened population. At the site of this deadly attack, New York Army and Air National Guard members, together with Naval Militia, witnessed a war zone, not in a far off country, but in their own state. Surrounded by carnage, grief and destruction, Guard members stayed focused and strong as they helped Manhattan pick up the pieces.

Just as in war though, the job eventually wears people down, physically and emotionally. Quenching physical needs for food, water and sleep is demanding enough, but mending stress and emotional wear and tear takes even more expertise. Aware of this, fire, police and military forces have organized Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) teams to help their people

function and cope in the worst of situations.

It has come to our attention that some of our personnel are experiencing nightmares, irritability, anxious feelings, headaches, anger or hostility and some flashbacks due to your experience in New York City. We appreciate all the men and women who have assisted with the recovery efforts over the past few weeks and want to ensure we are sensitive to your needs.



Maj. Catherine O'Brien

The Family Support team and Chaplain Service team would like to help you out by presenting a Critical Incident Stress Management group debriefing for your benefit. If you are interested in learning more about this program please call Chaplain Mathis at 454-6642 (Chaplain Services) over the next UTA so we can assess the need and put this program in place.

## Those That Indulge, Bulge?? Not Necessarily...

By Tech Sgt. Scott E. Schaffer, 174<sup>th</sup> FW, Operations

Happy Holidays is synonymous with many things, and one of them being, enjoying festive holiday foods. For some this presents a dilemma: guilt versus the humdrum of abstinence and the disappointment from the loved one that took the time to create the masterpiece.

Some possible solutions to help alleviate the "broadening" situation, whether you are the consumer or the creator. Either continue with diligence on your "active" exercise program, or begin the wonderful journey down the aerobic path to a happier, healthier you. Keep your water intake up. At a minimum try to consume four 12 ounce glasses of water per day, which will help you in multiple ways.

If you are the creator of the holiday treats (i.e. cakes, pies or

cookies) you can help out your loved ones by reducing the total calorie output of the treat by cutting the sugar called for in the recipe by one half! You won't believe how little it affects the taste and no one has to feel extreme guilt for the indulgence.

The calories that you will be trimming from the recipes are considered "empty" calories, which provide nothing other than an insulin reaction in your body, which provides us with a short burst in energy, then the opposite effect, the sugar "crash". In other recipes try to use cinnamon and honey and other natural sweeteners instead of pure cane sugar. You will enjoy the taste and will help to rid yourself of a fluctuating energy state, broadening waistline and a happy dentist. One last note, remember:

**"Everything In Moderation" and Happy Holidays!!**

## Local Telephone Calls Are Not Free

By Master Sgt. Richard Rose, 174<sup>th</sup> FW, Communications Flight

Even though rates in many areas of telephone service continue to decline, The 174<sup>th</sup> FW is not seeing the cost fall because of increased use. Local telephone service consists of service from the customer location to the local telephone company's central office where most calls are connected. The local Telephone Company handles all local calls and bills our organization for the cost of these calls.

For the month of August the 174<sup>th</sup> FW paid \$1,521.38 for local telephone calls. Calls for official business are the primary reason to use the telephone system. Personal calls should be kept to a minimum. Even a two-minute call to the deli down the street is charged to the base.



Beginning in October the Communications Flight will begin monitoring the volume and duration of local calls. This information will be forwarded to the unit Telephone Control Officers for review and resolution. AFI 33-111 is the guiding directive on the use of AF telephone systems. Section A-5 (Personal Calls Over Official Telephones) identifies the exceptions for personal telephone calls.



Fiscal awareness is the responsibility of all of us here at the 174<sup>th</sup> FW, please think twice about making that call. Significant savings can be realized from reducing the number of unnecessary calls made off base.



## Election of Officers

Due to the closing of the Service Club in September, the annual election of Alumni Officers and Board members was moved to the October meeting. Approximately 30 Alumni members were present. Eight of eleven positions were up for grab, and this year, for the first time in a long time, we had more than enough people willing to fill them. After the votes were counted, Jim Monroe was President, Ted Scheirer Vice President, Rita Scheirer Secretary, Jon LeFeber Treasurer, and Don Whiting Chaplain. The three Board members elected were Gary Berberich, Mel Denny and Bob Musengo. Officers are elected for 1 year and Board members two. Our next election will be held in September 2002.

You may have noticed that one name in particular does not appear in this year's list of elected officers, and that name is Tom Biel. For personal reasons, Tom had chosen not to run again this year. We could not really say too much, for as many of you know, Tom was our very first, and until now our only Treasurer. That's 22 years he has served this Association. We cannot express our thanks enough for all that he has done, but we can say his help was invaluable, and that we will sorely miss him.

Bob Giannuzzi is another long time Board member that regrettably will not be with us during this next term of office. He has served the organization for many years and has always been there when help was needed. We can't thank him enough for all that he has done, and hope that he will continue his service and consider being a candidate, once again, next year.

## Summer Picnic

I'm afraid we didn't get much of a chance to say what a great success this year's picnic was, but as always Bob Musengo and his gang gave it their magical touch, turning it into the fun time we've grown to expect. Over 200 people attended. The food was great. The entertainment couldn't have been better, and thanks to Ralph Brooks we raffled off twice as many door prizes then ever before. If you have never been to one of our picnics, you're missing a great time. One of the things that make

this event so successful is the Chicken Roast that our friends from the South Shore Association put on each year. They volunteer their time and energy in memory of Jim Green, a friend and past member of both their Association and ours. Obviously we can't thank them enough, and feel we would be remiss if we did not let you know who they were: Dan and Bonnie Cary, Clyde Cousineau, Sue Hill, Bob Finsel, Ron Green, Tom Louer, Barb Ruskas, and Paulie Gardner.

We would also like to extend our deepest appreciation to Don Whiting, our Chaplain, for the excellent job he did in officiating our Memorial Service. We have talked about discontinuing the Memorial Service and having it at another time, such



on as Memorial Day. But, the general consensus is that our picnic should be an event not only for having fun, but to remember those we once served with, that are no longer with us.

## December Meeting

Remember, there will be no Alumni meeting this month.

## Taps

Michael W. Harter, 50, died 29 Aug 01 when he crashed his Fox Model 4 home-made airplane in Sterling Canyon, Sedona, AZ. Mike was a Desert Storm veteran, retiring after 26 years of military service in July 1995. Most of his military service was spent in Avionics.

## New Members

Ron Kratz, Chuck Normanly, Joe Rey

## More News & Trivia

We've added 3 more individuals to our Life Membership rolls; they are Rocky LaRochelle, Virg LaRochelle, and Frank Santorelli. Rocky was our former Alumni President, Virg did all the Alumni paperwork, and Frank was our number one cook in the Old Mess Hall days. Our current Life Membership now stands at 52.

For those of you that have wondered what happened to this year's "Joe Sikora Golf Tournament", the story is two fold. First, it was rescheduled because a conflict with a unit deployment, then cancelled all together for lack of interest on the part of participants. We are assured that next year will be different, barring any unforeseen conflicts.

We have 3 wedding anniversaries to announce: Dick and Louise Kratz, and Bob and Mary Post celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup>, and Tom and Helen Sheldon their 60<sup>th</sup>. Our sincerest congratulations

Duane Ash writes from Sunrise, Room 15-212, 2950 Old Alabama Rd., Alpharetta, GA 30022 that he would like to hear from some of the old 138<sup>th</sup> "Prop Jocks" and some of the F-94 folks.

Thurlow Diller, our first Alumni President, with some of the original members of the 138<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadron, celebrated the unit's 54<sup>th</sup> Birthday in Armory Square, just across the street from the Jefferson Street Armory where it all began. There were 51 original members, 19 are known to be still running around and of the 19, 17 are in the Alumni. Happy Anniversary.

We want to take this opportunity to wish you and yours the very happiest Holiday Season, and a prosperous and happy New Year.

## Next Meeting:

**Thursday, January 17, 2002, at 7:00 PM in the Base All Service Club. Refreshments will be served. Come on out, we'd love to see you.**

## *Remembrance*

*We shall never forget September eleventh, two-thousand and one,  
the day on which the chill of terror struck deep into our hearts  
but heroes among us warmed and comforted our souls.  
We shall never forget the selfless acts of rescuers and strangers,  
and the timeless expressions of love between family and friends.*

*Remember the friends, who stopped to lend a hand that day in the face of danger,  
and honor the fallen heroes who rushed into the infernos ignited by hate  
to save others and were lost.*

*Remember the friendships bonded between strangers on board doomed flights,  
and honor them for the courage and strength of spirit that saved others.*

*Most importantly, remember the final words I love you  
spoken by our families and friends,  
as the towers and planes that once ascended high into the sky  
yielded way for their souls to ascend higher into the heavens.  
Let the sirens of alarm yield to the trumpets of angels to clear way for the resurrection.  
Although they are no longer with us,  
we shall never forget them and their spirits live on.*

*Remember the tireless efforts of the rescuers and others that followed,  
and pray that they find solace in the effort for they did all that could be done.  
Remember the tireless support and encouragement of the community that came together,  
for we need each other now, more than ever before.*

*More importantly, remember the teachings of Christ and other spiritual leaders  
as we look into our hearts and souls for the capacity to  
forgive the children that celebrated the evil acts, for  
Father they know not what they do.*

*Remember that people of many lands have been lost,  
and pray that we all stand together as friends against evil.  
Let us be resolute in seeking justice but resist the temptation to seek revenge,  
we pray for the wisdom to know the difference.*

*Think of those that will be called upon to serve good in the struggle,  
for the struggle against evil never ends.  
Pray for their safety and success,  
and pray for peace in the world.*

*Major Alfred R. Farrell  
174th Civil Engineering Squadron*

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